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Happy birthday, Your Majesty

Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah celebrates his 63rd birthday today.



Sultan Abdullah meeting civil servants during a visit to the Defence Ministry at Wisma Pertahanan, Kuala Lumpur, earlier this month. Also present was Senior Minister (Defence) Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein (left). — Bernama

Wise Ruler with a big heart

“RAJA dan rakyat berpisah tiada” (The Ruler and the people are inseparable) is the motto of the Pahang sultanate, which is exemplified by Sultan of Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah.

The motto has become synonymous with the Pahang royalty since the reign of Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda Sultan Ahmad Shah and the legacy is now being carried on by Sultan Abdullah.

Although Sultan Abdullah is frequently busy with his duties as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, His Majesty still finds the time to be near to the people of Pahang in both good and bad times.

His Majesty's presence during Ramadan was already common before the Covid-19 pandemic and now that things have returned to a new semblance of normal, Sultan Abdullah was seen once again breaking fast at the MBK1 field in Kuantan.

Sultan Abdullah and his consort Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah also distributed bubur lambuk to the people.

In April, the King visited four house fire victims who were being treated in the intensive care unit of the Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital.

During the great floods late last year, Sultan Abdullah visited various disaster zones, including in Pahang, to understand the plight of the victims.

“One thing that strikes me the most about Sultan Abdullah is how down to earth he is with the people.

“Despite his status as a Ruler, if he comes across any mishap or accident, he will not hesitate to stop and give a helping hand.

“One such incident was when he helped an accident victim while travelling on the same route,” said sales consultant Muhammad Danial Izzuddin Azizi, 28.

Lawyer Rizal Chek Hashim, 51, said he had always known Sultan Abdullah to be a wise and dynamic Ruler with many talents.

“His Majesty's leadership has brought prosperity, peace and

happiness to the people of Pahang and the rakyat of this country.

“His Majesty actively participates in charitable causes and also plays important roles in organisations related to religious affairs, security, military matters and sports.

“Sultan Abdullah's humble and easy-going personality, love for his rakyat and sense of humour has indeed captured the hearts of the people of Malaysia.

“On this special occasion, I would like to take this joyful opportunity to humbly offer my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to His Majesty. I pray that His Majesty will be blessed with good health and prosperity,” Rizal said.

Sultan Abdullah was born on July 30, 1959, at Istana Mangga Tunggal, Pekan, as the fourth child and eldest son of the late Sultan Ahmad Shah and Almarhumah Tengku Ampuan Afzan.

Sultan Abdullah was named the Tengku Mahkota Pahang on July 1, 1975, and installed as Sultan Ahmad Shah's heir apparent on Oct 23, 1977, at Istana Abu Bakar, Pekan.

Sultan Abdullah has been married to Tunku Azizah since 1986.

His Majesty served as the Regent of Pahang at the age of 20, when Sultan Ahmad Shah was the Yang di-Pertuan Agong from 1979 to 1984.

Sultan Abdullah took on the role again in December 2016 following Sultan Ahmad Shah's withdrawal from public life.

A new chapter in Pahang's history was opened on Jan 15, 2019, when Sultan Abdullah was proclaimed as the new Ruler of the state.

He succeeded Sultan Ahmad Shah, who abdicated the throne after reigning for nearly 45 years.

The whirlwind process of deciding the future of the Pahang crown came after Kelantan's Sultan Muhammad V resigned as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong on Jan 6 that year.

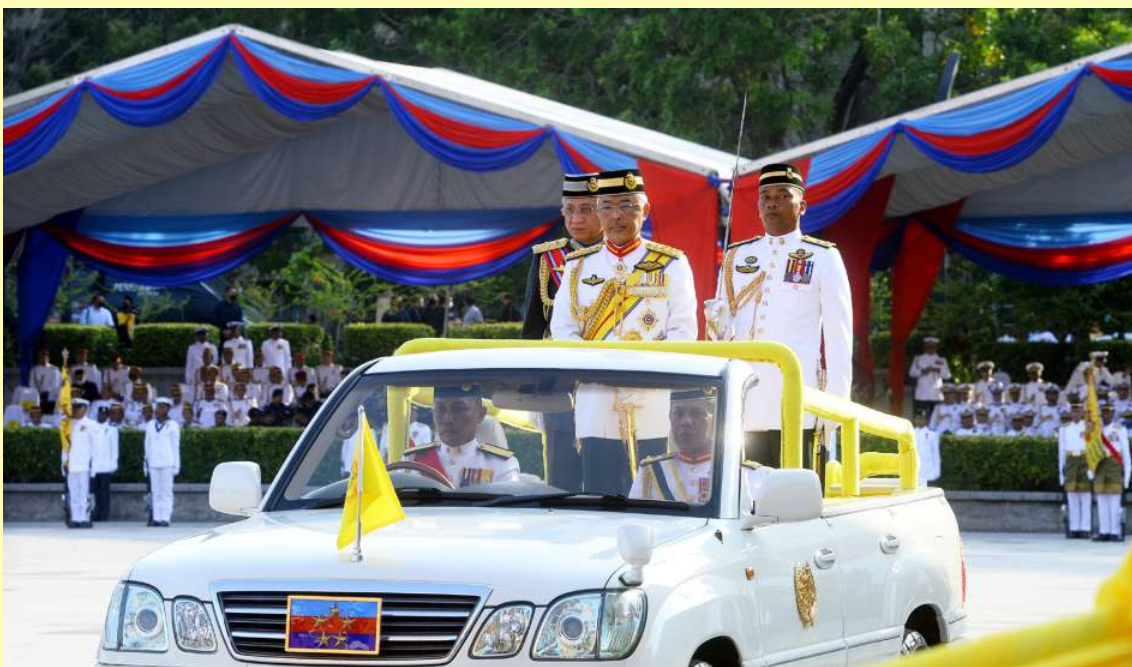
Shortly after becoming the Sultan of Pahang, Sultan Abdullah was chosen by the Conference of Rulers to become the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong.



Sultan Abdullah and Tunku Azizah speaking with foreign envoys to Malaysia following an audience at Istana Negara, Kuala Lumpur, recently. — Bernama



Sultan Abdullah and Tunku Azizah serving food to flood victims at a relief centre in Pekan, Pahang, in January. — Istana Negara Facebook/Instagram



Sultan Abdullah inspecting the guard of honour during a ceremony held in conjunction with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong's official birthday in June at Dataran Pahlawan Negara, Putrajaya. With him is Defence Force chief Jen Tan Sri Affendi Buang (left). — AZHAR MAHFUF/The Star



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Championing the environment

THE Regent of Pahang is coming into his own as a champion for environmental protection. For the past year, Tengku Mahkota Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah has been calling on the Pahang government to do more to protect the flora and fauna in the state.

The Regent had called on the state government to add permanent forest reserve areas every year as a conservation effort.

Tengku Hassanal said he was proud that more than 7,000ha had been added to forest reserve areas in the state this year, making it a total of at least 1.6 million hectares of permanent forest reserve in Pahang.

“This figure at once crowns Pahang as the state with the largest forest reserve in Peninsular Malaysia.

“I decree that the state government add on to the permanent reserve areas from time to time every year,” he said in his address at the opening of the state assembly in March.

In June, Tengku Hassanal pledged to do his best to help bring the Malayan tiger back from the brink of extinction.

“We need decisive and determined action to save the Malayan tiger.

“Therefore, I, Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah, pledge that I will make it my solemn duty to ensure that I will do my best to help bring the Malayan tiger back from the brink of extinction,” he said.

Tengku Hassanal added that core tiger habitats, starting with the Greater Taman Negara Landscape, should be protected without delay to safeguard them and prevent further habitat loss.

He also said the connectivity of important wildlife corridors in the Central Forest Spine should be restored through the protection of the primary and secondary linkages.

In turn, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail said the state government would uphold the decree to protect wildlife



Tengku Hassanal taking part in a 5km Fun Run during the Pahang Youth and Sports Carnival 2022 at Padang Kemunting, Kuantan, earlier this month. — Bernama

in the state with the establishment of the Pahang Forest Ranger or the Pahang Wildlife Patrol Unit under the patronage of the Regent.

Wan Rosdy said the Pahang State Parks Corporation and the Pahang State Biodiversity Council had also been set up to protect biodiversity resources and conserve the environment in the state.

Tengku Hassanal was appointed as the Pahang Regent by the Sultan of Pahang, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, when the latter became the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in 2019.

As the Regent, Tengku Hassanal is carrying out state duties in Al-Sultan Abdullah's stead while he is serving his term as King.

This is provided under Article 18 of the Laws of the Constitution of Pahang, where

the Sultan can decree the appointment of a Regent or a Regency Council.

If a Regent has not been appointed more than 15 days after a Sultan of Pahang begins carrying out the duties of Yang di-Pertuan Agong, then his state duties must be executed in his name by a Regent or a Regency Council.

A Regent must be a Malay of Pahang, Muslim and of royal blood. As for the Regency Council, it must be made up of at least three Malay-Muslim members from Pahang though they do not need to be of royal blood.

Should a Regent or a member of the Regency Council pass away or be unable to carry out state duties, another replacement can be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Going by tradition, the Tengku Mahkota



Tengku Hassanal attending his father's installation ceremony as the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at Istana Negara, Kuala Lumpur, in July 2019. — Bernama

Pahang, who is the heir apparent to the Pahang throne, will usually assume the mantle of Regent.

Tengku Hassanal had his early education at SK St Thomas in Kuantan, as well as Caldicott Preparatory School and Sherborne School in the United Kingdom.

He graduated with a degree in International Relations from the Geneva School of Diplomacy in Switzerland and proceeded to undergo training, after which he was commissioned at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in Britain.

Tengku Hassanal previously held the title of Tengku Panglima Besar Pahang.





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Caring and empathetic Queen



Tunku Azizah observing traditional weaving motifs during a visit to the Heritage Technology and Gastronomy Academy at the Centre of Technical Excellence in Kuching, Sarawak, in June. — Bernama



The Queen officiating the June launch of Persatuan Seni Jahitan Kreatif Malaysia's Back To Nature Bazaar (Natural Dye and Eco Printing) at Pavilion Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur, along with the association's chairman Fully Chye Goet Lee. — AZLINA ABDULLAH/The Star

RAJA Permaisuri Agong Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah has never been one to shy away from being by the side of the people, especially in times of crisis.

During the nationwide floods late last year, Her Majesty could be seen making the rounds at relief centres, embodying the "Ruler and the people are inseparable" motto of the Pahang royalty.

The people of Pahang had often witnessed Tunku Azizah getting busy in the kitchen, cooking for flood victims.

In December last year, Tunku Azizah spent hours preparing meals for those sheltering at flood relief centres in Kuantan.

In describing Tunku Azizah's character, her close friend Datuk Hamimah Abdul Karim said Her Majesty's royal duties were undertaken with great diligence and profound empathy.

Hamimah noted that the most commendable of Her Majesty's many strengths was her ability to marry all her talents, the skills of her hobbies as well as the vast knowledge and experience of her NGO work into a cohesive lifestyle.

Tunku Azizah, 61, was born in Istana Bukit Stulang, Johor Baru, to Almarhum Sultan Iskandar and Almarhumah Enche' Besar Hajah Khalsom Abdullah.

Tunku Azizah is the sister of Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, who is currently the reigning Sultan of Johor.

Tunku Azizah received her early education at Sekolah Taman Kanak-Kanak Tunku Ampuan Mariam, Sekolah Perempuan Rendah Sultan Ibrahim and Sekolah Tun Fatimah in Johor Baru.

On March 6, 1986, Tunku Azizah married Al-Sultan Abdullah, who was the Tengku Mahkota Pahang

at that time.

Upon Al-Sultan Abdullah's proclamation as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in 2019, Tunku Azizah automatically took on the title of Raja Permaisuri Agong, just two days after her own proclamation as Tengku Ampuan Pahang.

Tunku Azizah is passionate about cooking, sewing, the fine arts, history and heritage.

Tunku Azizah is also known for promoting the traditional silk weaving technique of Tenun Pahang Diraja, which has seen a recent resurgence thanks to her efforts.

In May, Tunku Azizah personally headed a delegation to promote and exhibit the woven textiles in London as part of the prestigious London Craft Week. The Tenun Pahang Diraja exhibition showcased pieces made by inmates from the Penor and Bentong prisons.



The Queen visiting newborns in the neonatal intensive care unit after launching the Halimatussaadia Mother's Milk Centre at the Sultan Ahmad Shah Medical Centre at International Islamic University Malaysia in Kuantan recently. — Bernama

Sultanate with a long history

THE reigning Sultan of Pahang, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, comes from a sultanate with a long history. Though the Pahang sultanate has been around for centuries, Sultan Abdullah's lineage is fairly recent as this dynasty only dates back to 1882.

The Pahang Malay sultanate first came into being when the Siamese rule in Pahang was conquered by Melaka. Maharaja Dewa Sura was captured and taken to Melaka. His daughter Puteri Onang Seri wed Sultan Mansur Shah, who sired Raja Muhammad and Raja Ahmad.

An incident later occurred which caused Raja Muhammad to be exiled from Melaka. He then took up the rulership of Pahang as its first sultan with the title Sultan Muhammad Shah in 1470.

The Melaka dynasty in Pahang ended when Sultan Abdul Ghafur Mohayuddin Syah and his son Raja Muda Abdullah were killed in 1614.

The Johor sultanate then took over Pahang but was attacked by Aceh. After Aceh's power subsided with the death of its sultan and absence of the descendants of the Sultan of Pahang, the region was



The front exterior of Istana Sultan Abu Bakar, Pekan, the official residence of the Pahang Ruler where royal ceremonies are held.

placed under the central administration of Johor and Pahang.

This dynasty's reign ended with the death of Sultan Mahmud Shah II in August 1699. He had no heirs so the senior-most family line, Bendahara Paduka Raja Tun Abdul Jalil, became Sultan Abdul Jalil Ri'ayat Shah IV.

The dynasty continued to rule Johor-Riau-Pahang but due to Dutch and British intervention through the Anglo-Dutch Treaty in 1824, Riau lost its power over the territories of Johor and Pahang.

Thus, Pahang and Johor became sovereign states and subsequently appointed their respective provincial governments as sultanates.

The current ruling house of the sultanate came into being in 1882, when the Raja Bendahara family consolidated its hegemony over the Pahang territory.

The first Sultan of Pahang of this modern era was Wan Ahmad, who won a civil war with his brother

and was later proclaimed as Sultan Ahmad Al-Mu'adzam Shah.

Sultan Ahmad's reign ended with his death in 1914. He was succeeded by his son Sultan Mahmud, who ruled for three years before his own passing. Another of Sultan Ahmad's sons then ruled as Sultan Abdullah Al-Mu'tassim Billah from 1917 to 1932.

Sultan Abdullah's son then became Sultan Abu Bakar Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mu'adzam Shah and ruled until 1974.

The late Sultan Ahmad Shah then ruled until 2019. Sultan Ahmad Shah was the first Pahang ruler to take on the Yang di-Pertuan Agong role from 1979 to 1984.

In early 2019, the Pahang royal council conducted Sultan Ahmad Shah's abdication due to his ailing health. His heir was then proclaimed Sultan of Pahang on Jan 15 of that year, taking on the regnal name of Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah.

Royal regalia of the Pahang royalty

THE royal regalia of the Pahang royalty are a collection of items that symbolises the authority, sovereignty and supremacy of the Sultan of Pahang. They are used in a variety of official ceremonies.

The instruments include the Cogan Kerajaan and Daun Kopi. According to the rites of the Malay Rulers, including during the Sultanate of Johor-Riau-Lingga-Pahang, the sceptre symbolises the greatness of the Sultan. It is carried by a bearer and propped on the right shoulder when the Sultan enters the Balairung Seri.

The sceptre is shaped like a coffee leaf and is gold in colour, with the Jawi words "Ya Latif" and "Negeri Pahang" on it.

The Pedang Bentara Kiri and Bentara Kanan are carried unsheathed by heralds to the left and right of the Ruler or the crown prince, who represents the Sultan in ceremonies in the Balairung Seri.

These swords are also weapons of honour for His Majesty's bodyguards during royal ceremonies.

The Pedang Kerajaan and Keris Kerajaan are instruments of royal grandeur carried by two bearers in ceremonies such as Bersiram Tabal, coronations and the arrival

of the Sultan or His Majesty's representative to Balairung Seri.

The Tombak Enam Belas and Tombak Panjang accompany the Sultan's arrival during ceremonies in the Balairung Seri, as well as in other ceremonies such as Bersiram and funerals.

Each spear is carried on the right shoulder by the bearers when walking and held upright when standing during ceremonies.

The Keris Panjang Diraja is a relic dating back to Jan 4, 1919. On its sheath is a written description explaining that it is an offering from Orang Kaya Indera Maharaja Perba Jelai Wan Muhammad Orang Besar Berempat from Jelai.

It is carried by a herald or bearer on the right shoulder and used during ceremonies such as weddings, coronations, piercing and circumcision for princesses and princes.

Other regalia are the Payung Enam Belas and the personal umbrellas of the Sultan, Tengku Mahkota Pahang and Tengku Puan Pahang.

The Sultan's personal umbrella is used in official ceremonies outside the palace such as inspecting guards of honour and meeting the people.



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